

We claim:

1. An article having on at least a portion of its surface a multi-layer coating having the appearance of nickel comprising:

layer comprised of polymer;

layer comprised of refractory metal nitride or refractory metal alloy nitride wherein said nitrogen content of said refractory metal nitride or refractory metal alloy nitride is from about 6 to about 45 atomic percent.

2. The article of claim 1 wherein said nitrogen content is from about 8 to about 35 atomic percent.

3. The article of claim 1 wherein a layer comprised of refractory metal or refractory metal alloy is on said layer comprised of polymer.

4. The article of claim 1 wherein a layer comprised of refractory metal oxide is on said layer comprised of refractory metal nitride.

5. The article of claim 3 wherein a layer comprised of refractory metal oxide is on said layer comprised of refractory metal nitride.

6. The article of claim 1 wherein a layer comprised of the reaction products of (i) refractory metal, (ii) oxygen and (iii) nitrogen is on said layer comprised of refractory metal nitride.

7. The article of claim 3 wherein a layer comprised of the reaction products of (i) refractory metal, (ii) oxygen and (iii) nitrogen is on said layer comprised of refractory metal nitride.

8. The article of claim 1 wherein said layer comprised of polymer is comprised of epoxy urethane.